

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA**

MONDAY

8:30 A.M.

JANUARY 12, 2015

CONCURRENT MEETING

PRESENT:

Marsha Berkgigler, Chair
Kitty Jung, Vice Chair
Vaughn Hartung, Commissioner
Jeanne Herman, Commissioner
Bob Lucey, Commissioner

Nancy Parent, County Clerk
John Slaughter, County Manager
Paul Lipparelli, Legal Counsel

The Washoe County Board of Commissioners convened at 8:34 a.m. in concurrent session in the Commission Chambers of the Washoe County Administration Complex, 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada, with Chair Berkgigler presiding. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our Country, the Clerk called the roll and the Board conducted the following business:

15-0019 AGENDA ITEM 4 – PUBLIC COMMENT

Agenda Subject: "Public Comment. Comment heard under this item will be limited to three minutes per person and may pertain to matters both on and off the Commission agenda. The Commission will also hear public comment during individual action items, with comment limited to three minutes per person. Comments are to be made to the Commission, Reno City Council, Sparks City Council, and Washoe County School District Board of Trustees as a whole."

Sam Dehne said it was important to remember to protect the citizens of the area.

Cathy Brandhorst spoke about matters of concern to herself.

Jeff Church provided some handouts, which were placed on file with the Clerk. He urged everyone to look at his website at RenoPublicSafety.org. He implored the County to stop subsidizing \$1.4 million per year to the City of Reno for crime lab services. He commented about other issues in Reno including high taxes, police and fire department compensation, the drug and alcohol policy for firefighters and the lack of automatic aid.

Victoria Edmondsdson said she represented the Senior Services Advisory Boards for the City of Reno and Washoe County. She provided a handout, which was placed on file with the Clerk, and encouraged Board members to keep seniors in mind as they conducted business. She talked about the increase in the County's aging population and reported some statistics regarding the percentage of seniors who were suffering from poverty, functional limitations, and disease. She said Board members had an opportunity to set provisions in place that would care for the aging.

15-0020 AGENDA ITEM 5 – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda Subject: “Approval of the Agenda. (For Possible Action)”

The Reno City Council, the Sparks City Council and the Washoe County School District Board of Trustees voted in favor of approving the agenda.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 5 be approved.

15-0021 AGENDA ITEM 6 - PRESENTATION

Agenda Subject: “Washoe County School District presentation and discussion on economic development, enrollment growth, and capital funding.”

Pete Etchart, Washoe County School District (WCSD) Chief Operating Officer, gave a presentation regarding economic development, enrollment growth and capital funding. He said the WCSD was very excited about Tesla and Panasonic moving into the region because they would create increased opportunities for students. He reported students of the Academy of Arts Careers and Technology won first place in the International High School Division of the NASA Mars Rover Competition and said the students gave a presentation to Tesla and Panasonic about it.

Mr. Etchart reported WCSD elementary schools increased by 562 students in the previous year and said there were more kids staying in high school due to a decrease in the number of drop-outs. He said the WCSD changed the way they calculated school utilization. He explained in the past it was done by multiplying the number of classrooms by the number of students per classroom. He said that method did not take into account the fact that class sizes varied, so it was determined the better approach was to look at the number of classes versus the number of classrooms. He noted that enrollment was near or above capacity levels at all education levels and said schools were being maintained through the use of portable classrooms and team teaching. He said some schools were utilizing libraries, teacher's lounges and cafeterias as classrooms and there were some requests to use mail rooms, storage rooms and other types of rooms, which could not be approved because of safety concerns. He said most of the School District's 213 portable classrooms were over 30 years old and adding more portables did not solve capacity issues because they did not resolve the need for additional cafeterias and office space. He said portable classrooms were also very expensive to maintain and schools were running out space to put them.

Mr. Etchart reported the WCSD's most crucial need was for new schools in Damonte Ranch, Sun Valley and Spanish Springs. He said there were some relief options to consider including moving sixth grade students from the elementary schools into the middle schools, changing the makeup of the elementary schools to include students from kindergarten through eighth grade or building more elementary schools or high schools. He explained Brown Elementary and Double Diamond Elementary were both designed to hold approximately 600 students; however, each of them currently held approximately 900 students. He reported both schools were surviving with portable classrooms and through team teaching, but said there were enough students in the portable classrooms to potentially fill another elementary school. He stated there were 900 homes under construction in the Palisades and Bella Vista areas and said that was where the need was most critical. He said the WCSD had the land for new schools, but did not have funds to build them.

Mr. Etchart talked about growth, including how many new students would be coming into the WCSD, where they would be living, and when to expect them. He said there were a number of agencies that were working on the growth forecast and he reported that the WCSD had entered into a work program with the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency (TMRPA) to conduct a residential land study.

Mr. Etchart said, based on forecast projections, the County could expect 22,993 new residents and 3,500 new students by the year 2018, which he thought was conservative because those numbers were calculated before the Tesla announcement. He stated the impact of that projection created the need for three new elementary schools, one new middle school and one high school. He said when the WCSD added the growth forecast to existing needs they determined they would need four elementary schools, three middle schools and one and a half high schools by the year 2018. He approximated the cost for the new schools at about \$340 million dollars, which did not include the purchase of land and water. He said he did not realize the WCSD had to purchase the land that the developers set aside for schools and talked about the estimated time it would take to build new schools.

Mr. Etchart stated there were 64,000 approved future housing units that were left incomplete due to the economic downturn and were ready to be built. He said the potential impact could result in more than 22,000 new students coming into the School District, which would create the need for 18 new elementary schools, four new middle schools and four new high schools. He said the cost for those new schools would amount to approximately \$800 million dollars, plus land and water. He did not know how fast those units would be developed, but said the projected growth impacts would be felt throughout the Truckee Meadows.

Mr. Etchart talked about funding that was received from the government service taxes and property taxes, which were the only two funding sources for the WCSD. He explained that every county in the State received money from those two sources, but unlike Washoe County, other Nevada counties had additional funding sources. He said the government service tax provided for about \$2.5 million in funding

per year and that money was used for emergency repairs, abatement programs and the facility conditioning information system. He explained the WCSD's main source of funding came from property taxes and those funds paid for capital renewal, school renovation and revitalization, and new schools. He said the WCSD determined that over the next ten years it would need \$200 million for capital renewal, \$50 million for renovation and revitalization, and approximately \$550 million to manage growth for a total of \$800 million.

Mr. Etchart said property taxes were a great funding source for the WCSD; however, they were currently facing a special situation. He explained the Legislature placed a three percent cap on property taxes during the economic boom which caused taxes to go up faster than people's salaries; however, no one predicted the unprecedented decline in property values that followed. He said it would take decades to make up for the loss of WCSD funding.

Lindsay Anderson, WCSD Government Affairs Director, talked about the "Christmas Tree" chart on page 12 of the presentation, which showed information about the capital funding sources for several Nevada Counties. She said the point of the chart was to show Washoe County was the only county in the State with only two sources of funding. She said the real estate transfer tax, residential construction tax, the lodging tax, and the infrastructure tax were only available in the Clark County School District and in some rural districts. She explained the 2002 rollover bond, which allowed the WCSD to bond against property taxes, expired in November of 2012, which meant that even if property taxes could generate additional revenue, it could not be used because they did not have voter approval. She said the WCSD had to find additional sources of revenue to deal with growth and, since property taxes would not support additional bonding until 2018, the WCSD would have to bond smaller amounts just to keep schools going.

Mr. Etchart said the WCSD was making an effort towards transparency and accountability for the public. He said he was excited about the Washoe County School District Data Warehouse Project, which was a continuation of the Transparent Checkbook that the Business and Finance Office put together. He said the public would have access to a lot of information and he thought local realtors and people who were interested in moving to the region would want to see that kind of data. He said the project would allow the public to look at how much money was spent at each school and would have specific information about school capital needs. He said all this information would hopefully move the conversation past accountability and transparency to a discussion about finding a new sustainable funding source so the WCSD could manage capital renewal, renovation and growth.

Ms. Anderson said State law did not provide any additional funding for capital projects and since tax caps and depreciation rates were limiting revenue increases, the WCSD needed to find alternatives. She said the WCSD was working with community groups and other local governments to find creative solutions and she hoped Reno, Sparks and the County would partner with the WCSD to represent them in the upcoming legislative session.

Mr. Etchart talked about the potential impacts to the WCSD if they did not find a solution. He said the current priority was based on “safe, warm and dry” standards and they could only do what was absolutely necessary, but he warned every dollar of deferred preventative maintenance would cost four dollars in reactive maintenance. He listed some of the limited options the WCSD had to deal with regarding overcrowding, including increasing class sizes, relocating special programs, adding multi-track and year-round school sessions, adding double sessions, increasing virtual schools, reducing student electives, and re-zoning. He said the WCSD was not supposed to re-zone students into a school that was over capacity by 85 percent, but none of their schools fit that criteria. He stated the WCSD provided development impact letters to the Planning Commission and had been asking for the ability to disclose to students that they might not be able to attend the schools they were zoned for. He said the bottom line was that academic outcomes might be compromised if the capital needs issue was not resolved.

Mr. Etchart said the WCSD’s focus was on academic outcomes and they had some success in graduation rates, honors degrees and (Advanced Placement) AP test scores, but they needed to find a solution in order to continue to work toward better outcomes. He talked about a June 25, 2014 article in the *Northern Nevada Business Weekly* which reported the results of a business poll. He said the poll showed Nevada scored well in the cost of doing business, work force, economy, infrastructure and transportation, but was hampered by the lowest score of any state for its education system. He reported the problem was a nationwide issue and hoped the community would come together to find a solution.

Sparks City Councilperson Ron Smith asked what the capacity of Truckee Meadows Community (TMCC) High School was. Traci Davis, Washoe County Interim Superintendent, responded she did not know the answer, but said the program had been expanded to include sophomores. Councilperson Smith offered an idea to use existing buildings as schools to cater to students who were not interested in sports or extracurricular activities. He asked if parents had been surveyed to determine whether that was an option they would consider. Mr. Etchart replied that other academic opportunities had been discussed and the WCSD would continue to look at options. Interim Superintendent Davis replied there had not been a survey, but parents traditionally chose to keep their kids in their home schools. She said the WCSD was considering a variety of options including the conversion of existing buildings.

Sparks City Councilperson Ron Schmitt commended Mr. Etchart on his presentation and for the Data Warehouse. He said he would like the City of Sparks to take a look at the Data Warehouse platform because he thought it was important for citizens to have access to that kind of information. He asked Mr. Etchart if he could provide backup to support the number of approved unbuilt lots he referred to in his presentation because he thought the number was closer to 6,400, not 64,000. He said he believed voters could override State law and approve additional property taxes outside the existing cap.

Sparks City Councilperson Ed Lawson suggested turning the empty Lowes building on Oddie Boulevard into a school. Mr. Etchart said that option would cost money and the WCSD would still need to find a funding solution. He explained all the money the WCSD had was allocated through the year 2017, so they did not even have enough money to purchase a portable classroom. He said they were looking at every option, but they still needed a funding source. Councilperson Lawson encouraged Mr. Etchart to come up with a plan that could be sold to the voters because he thought that was how they would find the revenue they needed. He asked if the Data Warehouse was linked with Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency (TMRPA) and the Smarter Regions Program. Mr. Etchart said the Data Warehouse was specific to the WCSD, but they were working closely with TMRPA because they relied on them to forecast growth. Councilperson Lawson said he mentioned the Smarter Regions Program because he felt the purpose was for TMRPA to hold all the knowledge. He encouraged Mr. Etchart to provide a link to the TMRPA so they could put the information on their web site.

Reno City Councilperson Neoma Jardon thought the idea to incentivize local governments to repurpose some of the local box stores was a good idea. She wondered if the County had a program for estate contributions. Both Mr. Etchart and Interim Superintendent Davis said they were unaware of any existing programs for that. Councilperson Jardon said it might be time to have a conversation about it and Kristen McNiel, WCSD Chief of Staff, agreed with her.

Reno City Councilperson Jenny Brekhus commended the work the WCSD had done in getting their numbers out there and said she had faith that voters would give them the funding they needed. She suggested the WCSD adopt a school site planning policy because she thought some location decisions had been problematic. She said a site planning policy would help government representatives work with developers for better school locations.

Pete Etchart said he appreciated the comments and the cooperation between all the agencies. He said he was looking forward to continuing his work with TMRPA to determine where people would be living and the best location for schools. He said he confirmed with the TMRPA that the number of approved undeveloped lots was 64,000.

Commissioner Hartung said he noticed some school buses were not full and suggested charging students who were not utilizing the buses that were provided for them. Mr. Etchart said transportation was a huge part of what the WCSD did. He explained the WCSD was trying to expand their Signature Program so that every high school had a different focus and students would have a choice about which school they went to; however, he recognized transportation was an issue. He said the WCSD was working on different scenarios, but it all came down to money. He stated one solution they considered involved a hub and spoke type system in which students would go to their base high school and then travel to a central hub where they would catch a bus to their school of choice. He said the WCSD was also working with the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) to see if there was potential for sharing transportation

costs. He stated that State law required the WCSD to transport special education students, but did not require them to transport general education students. Commissioner Hartung reiterated his concerns about bus ridership and restated his suggestion to charge students who did not ride busses that were provided for them.

Sparks City Councilperson Charlene Bybee wondered if the WCSD considered pursuing the real estate transfer tax during the upcoming legislative session. She suggested investigating the Building Excellent Schools Today (BEST) program in Colorado, which provided grant money for school capital needs.

Ms. Anderson said the WCSD considered asking to be included in the real property transfer tax and the lodging tax in past legislative sessions, but the idea lacked support. She said there might be a Bill Draft Request (BDR) to request it in the upcoming legislative session. She said if the WCSD gained access to that funding source it would generate approximately \$5 million dollars per year, which would not significantly impact the \$800 million the WCSD would need in the next 10 years. She said it was also not an easy thing to ask for because there were many people who were strongly opposed to allowing access to those funds. Councilperson Bybee asked Ms. Anderson if the WCSD would support the proposal for real estate depreciation, which would generate more money for schools and Ms. Anderson replied that it was being explored.

Reno City Councilperson David Bobzien talked about a conversation he had with a friend who was considering moving his family to Reno for a job opportunity. He said his friend asked for his opinion about the schools in the area and it was an uncomfortable discussion because of school rankings. He said the WCSD needed to deal with capital needs that already existed and then figure out how to deal with projected growth. He said he was encouraged about the Data Warehouse because it addressed the issue of transparency and he hoped the Data Warehouse could be added to a future agenda so the data could be explored. He asked when it would be available online.

Mr. Etchart explained the Data Warehouse project included a facility condition information system and that the WCSD had inspectors that looked at the building systems in all of the schools. He said the Data Warehouse would be updated on a quarterly basis and the goal was to go live with the project in February. He said he would be glad to come back to any group to present it.

WCS D Trustee Howard Rosenberg thought they needed to keep in mind how teachers would be affected by the placement of schools because there were teachers who did not want to teach in certain areas. He said all the impacts would have to be considered or their plans would not work. Mr. Etchart replied he had a lot of data he could share in regards to the negative impacts of deteriorated and overcrowded schools and the positive impacts of expending funds to renovate and build new schools.

Councilperson Jardon said she recently traveled to Washington DC and the Undersecretary of Transportation asked her how the regional transportation needs fit into "ladders of opportunity". She explained that he was seeking a connection between

transportation and educational needs. She wondered if there were some federal opportunities which could help with transportation and free up funding for school's capital needs. Ms. Anderson said that was a great opportunity to explore and the WCSD would pursue it. Councilperson Jardon stated she would like the name of someone in the WCSD she could contact in regards to the effort to raise money through planned giving with trusts, wills and estates.

WCSD Trustee Lisa Ruggerio responded to Commissioner Hartung's earlier question and said she would investigate the issue of busses not being fully utilized. She said she received a similar complaint from someone else and discovered the bus in question was a special education bus, so it was not always filled to capacity.

Mr. Etchart spoke about the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistant Act which provided federal funding for programs that served homeless students. He said homeless children often moved from school to school and the WCSD program provided transportation to help keep those students in their base schools, which helped improve their academic outcomes.

Sparks Councilperson Julia Ratti said they did not need any more data or transparency to talk about short term needs. She said major businesses, the Chamber of Commerce, realtors and the Retail Association all looked very closely at the WCSD's plans and all of them agreed there was a need for another funding source. She thought all the jurisdictions could provide meaningful action immediately by directing their government affairs teams to work with the WCSD to provide whatever support they could. She also talked about the Washoe K-12 Foundation where the public could help by making donations.

Reno Mayor Hillary Schieve suggested it would be a good idea for Mr. Etchart to have a regular seat at the Reno City Council meetings because she thought it would be beneficial for him to participate when they were having conversations with developers. She commended Mr. Etchart for a great presentation.

Councilperson Brekhus said she was trying to gain understanding about the effect that the redevelopment district debt had on WCSD revenues and said she was not sure if tourism improvement districts were taking funds from the WCSD. She thought it would be a good idea to talk about those issues. She said the Reno City Council would be solicited for more economic partnerships as the economy continued to improve and they needed to understand how their decisions would impact the School District.

Commissioner Jung said property tax appreciation and limitations affected everyone. She asked staff to add an agenda item to a future Board of County Commissioners meeting to ensure the County government affairs representative would work with the WCSD to protect the interests of the County as well as the School District. She encouraged the other governing bodies to do the same.

Councilperson Ratti moved to direct the Sparks government affairs team to work with the WCSD to ensure support of their capital needs. The motion was seconded.

Councilperson Schmitt said he thought there was a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between all the local government agencies regarding the legislative process. Sparks City Mayor Geno Martini replied he did not think an MOU was signed and he thought the Regional Planning Governing Board decided not to put it forward. Councilperson Schmitt expressed concerns about making it clear that Sparks was not voting to support every legislative concern the WCSD had, but was supporting cooperation between all the legislative teams to solve a problem. Councilperson Smith requested a clarification of the motion.

Councilperson Ratti explained her motion was to work with the legislative affairs team to find a funding source for capital needs. She said that did not mean the Sparks City Council would support every idea the WCSD had, but meant they would move forward in good faith to get it done.

Mayor Martini said the motion sounded good to him. He also talked about Sales Tax Anticipation Revenue (STAR) bonds and said the School District had been in favor of them.

Councilperson Bybee said she understood the motion was that Sparks would support the legislative agenda of working to find capital funding for the WCSD. Councilperson Ratti confirmed that statement and suggested the effort should become one of their number one priorities.

Chair Berkbigler said she hoped all the elected bodies would make school needs one of their highest priorities because economic development would not happen without good schools.

Commissioner Hartung recognized the WCSD was putting a number of new measures into place that would show where and how money was being spent, but it had been an issue in the past. He thought the voters would be supportive if the WCSD could demonstrate good stewardship.

Mayor Martini thought it was up to the School Board to decide what to do with their budget and the other entities should advocate for them.

In response to the call for public comment, Cathy Brandhorst talked about matters of concern to herself.

Sam Dehne commented about the WCSD presentation, the students who won the Mars Rover Competition, Tesla and Elon Musk.

J. Edward Parker said people would be coming to the region for jobs in Storey County and he thought Storey County should be partially responsible for the cost of educating the students of those workers. He suggested the WCSD partner with the RTC to solve transportation issues.

Jeff Church suggested lowering costs instead of increasing taxes. He also talked about vouchers and partnering with private schools to take the burden off public schools.

Mayor Schieve said she thought if all of the other entities helped the WCSD they would all be on the same page. She encouraged the Reno Council to make a similar motion to the one the Sparks Council made.

Councilperson Smith stated he was unhappy with the motion. He thought he would be in favor of a motion to accept the report and continue to offer support.

Councilperson Schmitt said he would vote in favor of the motion, but he thought they needed to get back to driving the point of regional cooperation. He said he would like to work on strengthening the MOU. He was not sure about the worth of the motion and he wanted to see the issue moved to a higher level of understanding.

Councilperson Bobzien congratulated the Sparks Council for supporting the WCSD and said he thought Councilperson Ratti's motion was practical. He did not think the motion bound them to any particular solution, but was tangible advice to work in support of WCSD legislative staff. He thought it would become clearer where the discussion was heading as the situation unfolded and that it would be incumbent upon all the bodies to weigh in and make strategic adjustments. He thought they were making a statement that they would all go into the legislative session in support of the WCSD as they tried to address a very real problem.

Councilperson Bobzien moved to direct the City of Reno's government affairs staff to work in support of the WCSD to help them address their capital needs. The motion was seconded.

WCSD Trustee Barbara McLaury moved to direct their legislative liaison to work with the cities and the County in support of the motions that were made by the other entities. The motion was seconded.

Both the Reno and City Councils voted to accept the report and to support the WCSD in the upcoming legislative session.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Herman, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the Board accept the report and continue to support the WCSD and their endeavors.

Agenda Subject: “Update and discussion regarding the 78th (2015) Session of the Nevada Legislature, including but not limited to bill draft requests or such legislative issues as may be deemed by the elected officials participating in the concurrent meeting to be of critical significance to the northern Nevada region for the 78th (2015) Session of the Nevada Legislature.”

Liane Lee, Washoe County Government Affairs Manager, discussed a presentation, which was placed on file with the Clerk. She explained the legislative session would begin on February 2nd and would last 120 days. She talked about the members of the County’s legislative team and said she would be leading the County’s team and lobbyists in Carson City. She spoke about the makeup of the State Legislature by identifying specific members of the Senate and Assembly. She talked about the number of representatives each county had, which members were newly elected or appointed, and the number of delegates for Washoe County. She pointed out the key positions that some of the County’s delegation held. She talked about John Ellison, Chair of the Assembly’s Committee on Government Affairs, and said he was important because he had local government experience. She thought Pete Goicoechea’s northern Nevada government experience would be important to the County in his role as Chair of the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs. She stated the County’s legislative team would have to educate the new legislators to tell them what Washoe County did and how it was different.

Ms. Lee reviewed the “Quick Numbers” slide on page eight of the presentation and said there were a total of 940 Bill Draft Requests (BDR’s). She said she was tracking 549 Bills and had identified more than 100 that would have an impact on County business. She said the Governor would be giving his State of the State address on January 15th, which would reveal his plan to fund State government. She talked about two web sites for information about hearings, legislator contact information and personalized tracking. She said she was committed to working with the County’s legislative team as well as with other local governments.

On the call for public comment Cathy Brandhorst spoke about issues of concern to herself.

Jeff Church provided a handout, which was placed on file with the Clerk. He spoke about collective bargaining, the City of Reno police contract, suggestions for the reform of several Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) and the Public Employee Retirement System (PERS).

J. Edward Parker reiterated his concerns about the tax benefits Storey County would enjoy because of new development. He said Reno, Sparks and the County should get reimbursed for services provided to Storey County employees.

There was no action taken on this item.

15-0023 AGENDA ITEM 8

Agenda Subject: “Comments from the Councils, Commissions, Boards, and Managers.”

Councilperson Brekhus expressed concerns about regional conflict and thought they should consider the root causes and work to resolve them.

Councilperson Jardon said she did not think the Washoe County School District (WCSD) had a representative at the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) meetings and she hoped the WCSD would participate in the RTC’s priority setting session.

Lee Gibson, RTC Executive Director, said the RTC had worked very closely with the WCSD. He said 11 percent of ridership was youth and the RTC was always ready and willing to listen. He stated the number one criteria for an investment in transportation was safety and the RTC took that very seriously.

15-0024 AGENDA ITEM 9

Agenda Subject: “Public Comment. Comment heard under this item will be limited to three minutes per person and may pertain to matters both on and off the Commission agenda. The Commission will also hear public comment during individual action items, with comment limited to three minutes per person. Comments are to be made to the Commission, Reno City Council, Sparks City Council, and Washoe County School District Board of Trustees as a whole.”

In response to the call for public comment, Cathy Brandhorst spoke about matters of concern to herself.

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Pending Board Approval

11:05 a.m. There being no further business to discuss, on motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried, the meeting was adjourned.

MARSHA BERKBIGLER, Chair
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST:

NANCY PARENT, County Clerk and
Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

*Minutes Prepared by:
Cathy Smith, Deputy County Clerk*

Pending Board Approval

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The Washoe County Board of Commissioners convened at 10:02 a.m. in regular session in the Commission Chambers of the Washoe County Administration Complex, 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada. Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our Country, the Clerk called the roll and the Board conducted the following business:

15-0027 AGENDA ITEM 3 – PUBLIC COMMENT

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Levi Hooper said he was trying to be the voice for people who did not have a voice and were really down and out. He stated he had an unpaid job with the Reno Area Alliance for the Homeless and was unanimously elected to the Leadership Board. He urged the Board to contact him if they needed anything at all.

Garth Elliott said he hoped the new Commissioners’ first week was fruitful. He suggested the Board watch the tendency to hire new people due to having to lay off 600-plus employees when the economy turned sour. He encouraged people to do what they could to help homeless animals. He noted Development Code issues were being discussed in Community Development tonight.

Cathy Brandhorst discussed issues of interest to herself.

Sam Dehne spoke about his background, Tesla, and the U.S. Bowling Congress agreeing to remain in Reno.

Agenda Subject: “Commissioners’/Manager’s announcements, reports/updates from County Commission members concerning various boards/commissions they may be a member of or liaison to. Requests for information, topics for future agendas and any ideas and suggestions for greater efficiency, cost effectiveness and innovation in County government. (No discussion among Commissioners will take place on this item.)”

John Slaughter, County Manager, thanked the Board for attending last Friday’s Strategic Planning retreat. He stated there would be a meeting tomorrow with all of the Department Heads, Division Directors, and other key staff to follow up on that meeting. He said the results of tomorrow’s discussion would be brought to the Board at a future meeting.

Commissioner Lucey said he visited the Northern Nevada Food Bank with Commissioner Jung. He stated the Food Bank did an amazing job working with the County’s citizens. He stated many school children ate all three of their meals at their school, which were provided with the assistance of the Food Bank. He said he wanted to look at the snack programs at the schools to ensure the children were getting the nutrition and nourishment they needed.

Commissioner Jung said one of the things that came out of the Community Health Needs Assessment was the fact that 60,000 people per day in Washoe County needed some support to obtain food, and the Health District would be working to address some of those issues. She stated another one of the things that came out of the Assessment was Zip Code 89502 had a documented need for food, housing, and economic development. She said there were also four other Zip Codes that needed help. She stated Zip Code 89502 would be used as a beta test and non-profit service providers, the business community, and the Washoe County School District (WCSD) would be worked with to conduct that test. She noted Wooster High School was opening a medical clinic to provide its students with access to health care.

Commissioner Jung said she agreed with the new two-hour maximum staff time rule, which required bringing anything taking more staff time than that before the Commission for approval. She stated she had many slum landlords in her district and she was requesting a staff report on that issue. She said she would like to get the Board’s blessing to find a way to force the property owners to be responsible.

Commissioner Hartung asked for a report regarding whether the \$24,999.99 owed to the County by Intermountain Water Supply had been paid to the County. He stated that amount was promised to the County on record by the applicant and his attorney.

Commissioner Herman stated her first meeting, the Nevada Association of Counties (NACo), would be held on Friday, and she would report back regarding what occurred to the Board at its next meeting.

Commissioner Jung requested a report on what happened regarding the water theft in Golden Valley. She wanted to know if the Sheriff's Office filed the reports and if the District Attorney's Office pursued criminal charges or not and why. She also asked what would be done here on out to prevent water diversions now that the merger with the Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) was done.

Chair Berkbigler asked if it would be appropriate to have the WCSD and the Northern Nevada Food Bank present to talk about the snack issues and where we were headed with the issue of the vending machines.

Commissioner Hartung asked the County Manager to explain about the Consent Agenda and why the Board did block votes for the benefit of the new Commissioners and the public. Mr. Slaughter said the Consent Agenda consisted of items that were under \$100,000 or routinely came before the Board. He stated staff made a judgment call regarding whether they could be part of a block vote by putting them on the Consent Agenda. He said at any time, any Commissioner could take an item out of the Consent Agenda to be discussed and voted on separately. He said items that did not qualify to be in the Consent Agenda under those guidelines, but were identified by the Board members during the meeting as being appropriate, could be voted on in a block. He stated the Board should not have questions about the items and they should be noncontroversial. He advised public comment was taken for both the items in the Consent Agenda and those in a block vote.

Commissioner Jung noted the Manager did not read the consent items, but did read the titles for the items put into a block vote. She said she would talk about what would go into a block vote when that point in the meeting was reached. She felt doing that was a good idea for the new Commissioners and would give them a chance to ask questions about the process, because she had a lot of questions when she was new to the Commission. Chair Berkbigler agreed that was a great idea.

15-0029 AGENDA ITEM 5

Agenda Subject: Introduction of new Washoe County employees. (All Commission Districts.)"

John Slaughter, County Manager, invited the new employees to come to the podium and introduce themselves to the Board.

Pat MacDonald, Community Services, Facility Maintenance
Jacob Palmer, Community Services, Facility Maintenance
Dillon Watt, Community Services, Roads
Bill Wardell, Community Services, Project Coordinator

Pamela Matson, Payroll, Payroll Tech I
Amanda Mongolo, Incline Village Library, Programs and Outreach
Librarian

There was no public comment or action taken on this item.

15-0030 AGENDA ITEM 6

Agenda Subject: Introduction of Shyanne Schull as the Regional Animal Services Director effective January 12, 2015. (All Commission Districts.)”

Kevin Schiller, Assistant County Manager, introduced Shyanne Schull, who was the new Regional Animal Services Director. He said she had a degree in Animal Science from Cal Poly and extensive experience in setting up a department.

Ms. Schull said it was a pleasure to be a part of Washoe County’s team and was honored to be able to take Regional Animal Services to its next chapter and beyond. She stated she looked forward to building on the programs that were already successful, along with implementing new collaborative and community-based programs. She said she had a background in and a working knowledge of animal welfare. She felt there were a lot of great partnerships and things going on in Washoe County, and she looked forward to growing those relationships and collaborations.

Chair Berkbigler said all of the Commissioners were animal lovers, and they were very happy to have someone to head up Regional Animal Services that knew what they were doing and could lead Animal Services to a better way of taking care of the animals.

In response to the call for public comment, Sam Dehne stated he was a firm believer in Animal Services, and he was glad Ms. Schull was on board.

Garth Elliot said he knew the Animal Services Directors all the way back to the 1970’s, and he gave kudos to the Board for the choice of Ms. Schull. He stated someone with a lot of compassion was needed for the Director’s position, and he hoped Ms. Schull would bring a new dimension to this very important aspect of our community.

There was no action taken on this item.

PROCLAMATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

15-0031 AGENDA ITEM 7A – PROCLAMATION

Agenda Subject: “Proclamation--January 2015 as National Radon Action Month in Washoe County.”

Commissioner Hartung read and presented the Proclamation to Jamie Roice-Gomes, Radon Education Coordinator, and Susan Howe, Radon Program Director.

Ms. Jamie Roice-Gomes said this was the fifth proclamation done by the Commission, which helped raise awareness of the deadly naturally occurring radioactive Radon gas. She stated more than 15,000 test kits were provided to County residents and out of the 6,653 valid tests, about 21 percent had elevated levels of Radon. She said the homes tested only represented about 5 percent of the County's homes, and only 23 percent of the homes with elevated levels of Radon had been fixed. She stated more homes needed to be tested and fixed.

Ms. Roice-Gomes said Zip Code 89704 in the Washoe Valley had the most homes with the highest level of Radon at 48 percent, Verdi had 46 percent, and Zip Code 89501 had 44 percent. She said if a home's Radon level was at 4 pCi/l, it should be fixed. She noted the highest level ever found in Nevada was in Zip Code 89511 and was recorded at 155 pCi/l. A copy of her slides was placed on file with the Clerk.

Ms. Roice-Gomes said residents could pick up a free Radon test kit from now to the end of February at the Cooperative Extension Office. Free coffee mugs and Radon test kits were presented to the Board.

Commissioner Hartung asked how Radon could be mitigated. Ms. Roice-Gomes replied there were different procedures for different types of foundations.

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Chair Berkbigler which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 7A be adopted.

15-0032 AGENDA ITEM 7B – RESOLUTION

Agenda Subject: "Resolution--Supports of the Nevada Breastfeeding Welcomed Here Campaign. (Requested by Commissioner Jung)"

Commissioner Jung read and presented the Resolution to Nicole Alberti, Health Educator 1, and Jan Houk, PHNII. Ms. Alberti thanked the Commissioners for their support.

Commissioner Jung said breast milk provided babies with protection from food and airborne allergies. She stated it was also 850 calories that were being given to someone else, which helped take the baby-weight off. She said this was a serious issue and was glad the Board had always been supportive of breastfeeding.

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 7B be adopted.

CONSENT AGENDA – AGENDA ITEMS 8A THROUGH 8I(3)

15-0033 AGENDA ITEM 8A

Agenda Subject: “Approve minutes for the Board of County Commissioners’ October 28, November 12, and December 9, 2014 meeting, special meeting of December 2, 2014 and concurrent meeting of December 8, 2014 meeting.”

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 8A be approved.

15-0034 AGENDA ITEM 8B – DISTRICT COURT

Agenda Subject: “Acknowledge receipt of the Washoe County Law Library Annual Report 2014-2015--District Court. (All Commission Districts.)”

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 8B be acknowledged.

15-0035 AGENDA ITEM 8C – HEALTH DISTRICT

Agenda Subject: “Approve amendments [increase of \$69,151] in both revenue and expense to the FY15 Advancing Conformance with the Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Grant Program (VNRFRPS), IO11088, and if approved direct the Comptroller’s Office to make the appropriate budget adjustments--Health District. (All Commission Districts.)”

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 8C be approved and directed.

15-0036 AGENDA ITEM 8D – HUMAN RESOURCES

Agenda Subject: “Approve requests for reclassification of a vacant Office Support Specialist, pay grade H, to an Account Clerk, pay grade G (Community Services); a Department Computer Application Specialist, pay grade J, to a Department Systems Specialist, pay grade KL (Sheriff’s Office); a Program Assistant, pay grade K, to a Community Outreach Coordinator, pay grade N (County Manager), and an

Administrative Assistant II, pay grade L, to an Assistant to the County Manager, pay grade N (County Manager) as evaluated by the Job Evaluation Committee; and remove the job classifications of Department Computer Application Specialist and Department Computer Specialist, pay grades J and KL respectively, from the Washoe County Classification Plan. Net annual cost of these actions is estimated at [\$30,691]--Human Resources. (All Commission Districts.)”

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 8D be approved.

15-0037 AGENDA ITEM 8E – SOCIAL SERVICES

Agenda Subject: “Approve a ten percent (10%) increase to the reimbursement rates for cremation or burial of indigent persons provided by Washoe County funeral homes, mortuaries and cemeteries--Social Services. (All Commission Districts.)”

In response to the call for public comment, Cathy Brandhorst spoke about cremation and burials.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 8E be approved.

15-0038 AGENDA ITEM 8F(1) – COMMUNITY SERVICES

Agenda Subject: “Approve appointment of Ms. Kristina Hill as the Washoe County Lay Member on the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency’s Advisory Planning Commission. (Commission District 1.)”

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 8F(1) be approved.

15-0039 AGENDA ITEM 8F(2) – COMMUNITY SERVICES

Agenda Subject: “Approve an Agreement for employee residence between Washoe County and David Evans (Washoe County Sheriff’s Office Deputy) retroactive to January 1, 2015, to allow occupancy within the County owned residence located at 330 Sunset Boulevard, Gerlach, Nevada. (Commission District 5.)”

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 8F(2) be approved.

15-0040 AGENDA ITEM 8F(3) – COMMUNITY SERVICES

Agenda Subject: “Approve an Agreement between Washoe County and BV Reno LLC to hold the Bon Vivant Festival at Rancho San Rafael Regional Park on June 5-7, 2015, with options for 2016 and 2017. (Commission District 3.)”

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 8F(3) be approved.

15-0041 AGENDA ITEM 8F(4) – COMMUNITY SERVICES

Agenda Subject: “Approve a Quitclaim Deed to transfer APN 007-111-12, a 1,200 square foot sliver parcel located at 0 Codel Way as authorized under NRS 244.281; and all other matters properly related thereto. (Commission District 3.)”

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 8F(4) be approved.

15-0042 AGENDA ITEM 8G(2) – MANAGER

Agenda Subject: “Acknowledge Receipt of Wadsworth Justice Court Minimum Accounting Standards Audit Report from the Internal Audit Division. (All Commission Districts.)”

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 8G(2) be approved.

15-0043 AGENDA ITEM 8G(3) – MANAGER

Agenda Subject: “Approve reappointment of Mr. Keith Romwall, to the Washoe County Audit Committee for the term commencing January 1, 2015 and expiring on December 31, 2016. (All Commission Districts.)”

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 8G(3) be approved.

15-0044 AGENDA ITEM 8H(1) – SHERIFF

Agenda Subject: “Approve grant award [\$80,000, no match required] and Interlocal Contract between Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department and Washoe County Board of County Commissioners On Behalf Of The Sheriff’s Office for reimbursement of expenses associated with Internet Crimes Against Children investigations, grant term is retroactive from 10/1/14 – 6/30/15, and if approved, direct Comptroller’s Office to make the necessary budget adjustments. (All Commission Districts.)”

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 8H(1) be approved and directed. The Interlocal Contract for same is attached hereto and made a part of the minutes thereof.

15-0045 AGENDA ITEM 8H(2) – SHERIFF

Agenda Subject: “Approve Sheriff’s Security Agreement between the Hyatt Regency – Lake Tahoe and the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office to provide uniformed Deputy Sheriffs for security [costs to be reimbursed by HYATT] during New Year’s Eve events, retroactively from December 31, 2014 through January 1, 2015 to be held at the Hyatt Regency – Lake Tahoe in Incline Village, Washoe County. (Commission District 1.)”

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 8H(2) be approved.

DONATIONS

15-0046 AGENDA ITEM 8I(1) – SHERIFF

Agenda Subject: “Accept a donation [\$1,000] from Timothy and Shelley Farrell to the County of Washoe on behalf of the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office to purchase equipment for the K-9 Unit and authorize Comptroller’s Office to make the appropriate budget adjustments--Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)”

On behalf of the Board, Commissioner Jung thanked Timothy and Shelley Farrell for their \$1,000 donation to purchase equipment for the Washoe County Sheriff’s K-9 Unit.

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 8I(1) be approved and authorized.

15-0047 AGENDA ITEM 8I(2) – SHERIFF

Agenda Subject: “Accept a donation [\$1,500] from the Reno Air Racing Association, Inc., dba: National Championship Air Races to the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office for the Citizen Corps Program (CCP), and, if approved, authorize Comptroller’s Office to make appropriate budget adjustments--Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.)”

On behalf of the Board, Commissioner Jung thanked the Reno Air Racing Association for their \$1,500 donation to the Washoe County Sheriff’s Citizen Corps Program (CCP). She said the CCP played a big role in ensuring the crowd’s safety at the Reno Air Races.

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 8I(2) be accepted and authorized.

15-0048 AGENDA ITEM 8I(3) – COMMUNITY SERVICES

Agenda Subject: “Accept cash donations [\$35,668.95] from various businesses, organizations and individuals and acknowledge in-kind donations for Regional Parks and Open Space programs and facilities; and direct the Comptroller’s Office to make the appropriate budget adjustments--Community Services. (All Commission Districts.)”

On behalf of the Board, Commissioner Jung thanked the various businesses, organizations, and individuals for their donations to the Regional Parks and Open Space programs and facilities.

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 8I(3) be accepted and directed.

15-0049 AGENDA ITEM 8G(1) – MANAGER

Agenda Subject: “Acknowledge Receipt of the Three-Year Schedule of Audits for Internal Audit Division. (All Commissioner Districts.)”

Alison Gordon, Internal Auditor, said she provided this report to the Board annually regarding the schedule of audits approved by the Audit Committee. She stated she did a detailed risk analysis to identify those audits that had never been done or had been done in the last few years and had significant items that needed to be corrected before going before the Audit Committee. She said the list included what was submitted to and approved by the Audit Committee on December 5, 2014. She advised she also took special requests by the Commission to do audits and those requests would get inserted into the schedule.

Commissioner Lucey said he had concerns regarding the proposed audit schedule, because in the next Fiscal Year he understood Ms. Gordon would be doing an audit of the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD) Emergency Management System (EMS). Ms. Gordon said that audit had already been started, and a prior audit had been completed of the entire TMFPD. Commissioner Lucey said there had been quite a bit of public comment regarding the Sheriff's Forensic Lab, and he would like to see that audit put into the schedule. Ms. Gordon replied that would definitely be doable.

In response to the call for public comment, Thomas Daley said the Sheriff's Office was owed at least \$8 million by the City of Reno and the City of Sparks owed approximately \$500,000 for services provided by the Forensic Lab. He stated the Cities' Police Departments accounted for 50 percent of the demand for the Forensic Lab's services. He felt the audit schedule needed to be adjusted to complete that audit by the end of 2015.

John Slaughter, County Manager, stated the Fiscal Year 2016-17 Sheriff's Office Fees audit did not contemplate the issue at hand, but contemplated a review of fees, such as those charged for a concealed weapon permit. He said the audit of those fees would be left in that audit year, but the audit of the funding for the Crime Lab would be included in the current year's list of audits to be done.

Commissioner Lucey noted everyone heard that we were all climbing out of the economic recession, and every penny the County could recoup or save would be a positive for the County.

Mr. Slaughter said staff proposed adding to the Fiscal Year 2014-15 audit schedule the review of the Crime Lab and its funding structure. He stated everything else would be left in the schedule, but the Crime Lab audit would be put as near the top of the priorities as possible. He said there were other things being done, but the audits not yet started would be pushed to a lower priority.

Commissioner Hartung reminded everyone that Sheriff Allen indicated there were other things going on in terms of the fee issue. He said that issue was not new to the Board, and the County was working on it with the City of Reno. He stated he had no problem with the audit, but there might be some other ways to solve this. He felt the original agreements needed to be looked at or, if those agreements did not exist and it

was just a handshake agreement, there would be some questions on what really transpired. He said the most important thing was what did those original agreements state.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 8G(1) be approved as amended.

15-0050 AGENDA ITEM 9 – MANAGER

Agenda Subject: “Presentation, discussion and possible approval of the top themes that resulted from the Smarter Region community engagement process to determine a new regional economic development brand vision--Manager. (All Commission Districts.)”

Maureen McKissick, City of Reno Strategic Development Administrator, said she was present to provide the Board with the results of the visioning process, which was last talked about in April 2014. She stated she and Stacy Higgins, Reno Tahoe Airport Authority, were part of a four-person team that acted on the direction received from the elected bodies earlier that year by going out into the community for the better part of 2014.

Ms. McKissick stated the IBM Smarter Cities project grew during 2013 to include 11 regional entities, which were shown in the bottom banner of the slides in her PowerPoint presentation. She said IBM made five recommendations to improve the area’s economic development outcomes and the 11 agencies had been working in collaboration for the last year and a half to implement those recommendations.

Ms. McKissick said recommendation #4 was to develop a regional economic development brand as our vision, which the team felt could be the cornerstone of our economic development efforts. She stated it was felt the vision for the community needed to expand and diversify to incorporate the new economic activities occurring. She said the top themes identified in 2013 were: Strategic location, business friendly, quality of life, and Lake Tahoe/outdoor sports.

Ms. McKissick stated on April 24, 2014, the recommendation brought to the Smarter Regions Summit was to focus on the groups that had day-to-day knowledge of economic development. She said the elected officials gave direction to also include the members of Gen “Y” and the elected bodies; and, to be more inclusive, three additional groups were added. She stated the Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada (EDAWN) assembled the people chosen to be a part of the conversation in groups of two or three, and she wanted to acknowledge EDAWN’s help. She said approximately 200 people were canvassed and the majority of the participants came from the private sector, which was important because collaboration would be required to achieve results.

Ms. McKissick said the white paper, which was the product of that process, was distributed in November 2014, and provided a more complete picture of the whole process. She stated the first question asked what was working now, the second question asked what could be improved, and the third question asked what our aspirations were. She reviewed the top five themes that emerged regarding what was working, the three top themes that needed to be worked on, the six themes that indicated what the region should aspire to be, and the next steps. She said the elected bodies were being asked to accept the top themes and to convene a short-term subcommittee consisting of members of the elected bodies and key staff to formulate the brand-vision that would be used going forward.

Commissioner Jung said Ms. McKissick did a terrific job. She stated people should be attracted to the area because there was so much upward mobility possible. Ms. McKissick stated what impressed the team as they went around to the different groups was the energy and enthusiasm the groups had. She said the private sector welcomed the opportunity to be players in the conversation and would like to continue that participation. She stated the private sector was a bottomless well of ideas.

Commissioner Hartung said Commissioner Jung should be the County's representative at the short-term committee meetings. John Slaughter, County Manager, said Commissioner Lucey was designated to be the County's representative to the Smarter Region initiative during last Friday's meeting. Chair Berkbigler said everyone was pretty active in the Smarter Region initiative, because it was an extremely important issue. Commissioner Hartung made it a point to say over the last two years that regionalization was important and everyone must work together as a region, which should include a broader area than just the County and the Cities of Reno and Sparks.

Commissioner Lucey said after last Friday's discussion, he was very excited to be a part of this Board. He stated he fell within the Gen "Y" label, along with being a business owner. He felt rebranding was an important factor in moving this community forward, and he was very excited to be a part of that effort.

In response to the call for public comment, Sam Dehne spoke about regional branding.

Garth Elliott agreed the area needed to be rebranded, but maybe not as a university town. He felt the rebranding should emphasize the area's quality of life. He stated he agreed the effort went far beyond the County and the Cities of Reno and Sparks.

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the top themes resulting from the Smarter Region community engagement process be approved.

BLOCK VOTE – AGENDA ITEMS 11, 12, AND 13

Commissioner Jung said Chair Berkbigler and Commissioner Hartung had been a breath of fresh air in their ushering in the two new Commissioners. She stated their help would make the new Commissioners better so much quicker.

Commissioner Jung said any Commissioner could identify items that they felt were non-controversial and would have no questions, which could then be put into a block vote. She stated a Commissioner could request an item not be included in the block vote or could suggest adding additional items. She noted she would like to place Items 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14 into a block vote if it was decided to do a block vote today.

Commissioner Hartung said if a Commissioner had a question, staff could answer the question while the item remained as part of the block vote. He stated doing a block vote was a way to expedite getting through a meeting.

Chair Berkbigler felt it was important that Commissioners Herman and Lucey understood they could ask any question they wanted or could make any question public even if it had already been answered.

11:34 a.m. Commissioner Jung left the meeting.

Commissioner Lucey expressed his gratitude for the warm welcome extended by the Commissioners to Commissioner Herman and himself, and he appreciated the time the Commissioners had taken to offer their help and provide direction.

Commissioner Lucey stated he was not opposed to doing a block vote today because he appreciated efficiency. He said his only issue was getting some clarity regarding Item 10. Commissioner Herman agreed. Commissioner Hartung said he would also like to remove Item 14 for questions.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Jung absent, it was ordered that Agenda Items 11, 12, and 13 be put into a block vote.

11:42 a.m. Commissioner Jung returned to the meeting. Commissioner Hartung left the meeting and was absent during the vote on Agenda Items 11, 12, and 13.

Paul Lipparelli, Legal Counsel, counseled that the Board should take a vote on the block vote items now that they had been read, which meant the public had notice about what the items were. After a vote was called for, Nancy Parent, County Clerk, advised she did not have a record of who made or seconded the motion for that vote. Mr. Lipparelli stated traditionally the Board did not vote to place items in a block vote. He said normally a Commissioner would designate items, the Manager would read those items, and then there would be a motion and a vote. He stated today the Board

voted to place items in a block vote prior to those items being read. He said it was his advice after the Manager read the titles, to take a vote on those items. He stated there were two motions and two votes with Commissioner Lucey making the second motion and Commissioner Herman seconding the motion.

15-0051 AGENDA ITEM 11 – COMMUNITY SERVICES

Agenda Subject: “Recommendation to award a bid and approve the Agreement to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder for the Rancho San Rafael Regional Park Irrigation System Reconstruction Project - Phase 1, recommended [Gerhardt & Berry Construction, Inc., \$485,252]--Community Services. (Commission District 3.) To be heard before Agenda Item #12.”

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Commissioner Herman, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Hartung absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 11 be awarded and approved.

15-0052 AGENDA ITEM 12 – COMMUNITY SERVICES

Agenda Subject: “Recommendation to approve Amendment 1 to the Agreement for Professional Services between Washoe County and Wood Rodgers, Inc., for additional scope of work items in support of construction of the Rancho San Rafael Regional Park Irrigation System Reconstruction Project – Phase 1, for an additional [estimated amount of \$38,500] and a total estimated contract amount of \$134,800; and authorize the Purchasing and Contracts Manager to sign the Amendment 1--Community Services. (Commission District 3.) To be heard after Agenda Item #11.”

In response to the call for public comment, Cathy Brandhorst spoke about construction work.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Commissioner Herman, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Hartung absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 12 be approved and authorized.

15-0053 AGENDA ITEM 13 – COMMUNITY SERVICES

Agenda Subject: “Recommendation to approve an Agreement for Consulting Engineering Services between Washoe County and CH2M Hill Engineers, Inc. to provide construction management for the South Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility Bio-Solids Facility Project [\$1,156,000]--Community Services. (Commission District 2.)”

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Lucey, seconded by Commissioner Herman, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Hartung absent, it was ordered that Agenda Item 13 be approved.

11:44 a.m. Commissioner Hartung returned to the meeting.

15-0054 **AGENDA ITEM 10 – TECHNOLOGY SERVICES**

Agenda Subject: “Recommendation to approve the purchase of a three year license for Intel Security’s McAfee Complete End Point Enterprise Suite and Content Security Suite from the lowest responsible reseller, CDW-G, at a cost of [\$243,047.90]--Technology Services. (All Commission Districts.)”

Commissioner Lucey stated the staff report showed a cost of \$243,047.90 for a three-year license. Tony Kiriluk, IT Manager, Enterprise Infrastructure, confirmed that was the cost of the entire licensing suite being purchased from McAfee. Commissioner Lucey asked if that was a new product or was it a renewal. Mr. Kiriluk stated it renewed our current licensing and added licensing to provide better coverage for some areas. Commissioner Lucey said the Board approved four-year renewals in past years, and this amount was a significant jump in price for a three-year renewal. He asked if Symantec’s prices were better even though the staff report indicated they did not have the same product advantages. Mr. Kiriluk said Symantec could save the County approximately \$45,000 over the three-year period, but there would be no technological advantage in switching, staff time would be required to train everyone on the new product, and it would be a year-long process to switch the product out throughout the County. He stated it would take 10 years to make up for moving to a product that did not provide better protection. Commissioner Lucey asked why there was such a significant increase for McAfee’s product. Mr. Kiriluk said there were a growing number of security threats, so McAfee was always adding more products into the core Suite. He stated the mobility market increased the number of protection points beyond desktops and laptops and required a larger investment by the security companies to protect those devices.

Commissioner Hartung asked if McAfee offered a sandbox, which ran the hard drive in a virtual environment. Mr. Kiriluk replied they did. Commissioner Hartung stated he saved himself a lot of grief by deleting the sand box. Mr. Kiriluk stated one of the things staff liked about the McAfee Suite was it brought virus and overall security down to the hardware level of the servers, which really helped with the root-kit infections. He said McAfee was currently the only company doing that due to their alliance with Intel.

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Lucey, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 10 be approved.

15-0055 AGENDA ITEM 14

Agenda Subject: “Recommendation to approve the Regional Road Impact Fee land use assumptions and adopt the Regional Road Impact Fee Capital Improvements Plan as required by NRS 278B.190 and NRS 278B.210. (All Commission Districts.) To be heard before Agenda Items #15 and #16.”

Commissioner Hartung said his questions were about some of the assumptions made regarding the Regional Road Impact Fee (RRIF) program and how they led back into the CCFEA, which was a capital contribution funded agreement process. He stated that process had been a huge source of development-driven infrastructure for Washoe County over the years, but there had been issues with the credit system due to the drop in the real estate market. He said the crash led to an excess of credits being available on the market and to the concern regarding how those credits would be flushed out of the market.

Dwayne Smith, Engineering and Capital Projects Division Director, said as a region, the RRIF process had been updated and refreshed over the last few months. He stated this item was to get Board approval of the recommendations made by the Planning Commission acting as the Capital Improvement Advisory Committee (CIAC) on January 6, 2015. He stated the CIAC listened to the land-use assumptions used to define and help create the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for the roadway project that would move forward over the next time period. He stated Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 278B required that anytime an impact fee was developed, a process had to be followed. He said that process required the CIAC to make findings, which went into the Board's review of the land-use assumptions. He stated because of the timing of that meeting, those findings were not included in the staff report. He said the findings included: 1) The Regional Capital Improvements Plan was based on the County Master Plan in the 2012 Consensus Forecast; 2) the Regional Capital Improvement Plan facilitated growth by constructing capacity improvements to the region's streets and highways that would benefit the efficient movement of persons and goods; 3) the north services areas and south service areas that had separate capital improvements and impact fees were contributing to create a reasonable nexus, which was federal law; 4) the Regional Capital Improvement Plan would not adversely impact public health, safety or welfare; and, 5) the Regional Capital Improvement Plan was based upon due and careful consideration of the information provided in the 2014 Regional Road Capital Improvement Plan and Impact Fee Methodology. He stated the findings were signed by Roger Edward, the Chair of the Planning Commission and the CIAC.

Commissioner Hartung said the three benefit districts were reduced to two in the process of fixing the RRIF issue. Julie Masterpool, Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) Senior Engineer, explained there had been one service area previously where one fee was calculated and the fees were collected and spent by the three benefit districts. She stated with the new fifth edition and based on a NRS change, the old service area had to be divided into two service areas with separate fees. Commissioner Hartung asked how that would affect the current owners of the credits if

they owned credits in a specific benefit district. Ms. Masterpool explained the old credit system stayed in effect and they would still use their credits in the same benefit district where they were earned. She said the system was being changed to a RRIF waiver program for anyone who built roadway improvements in the future. She stated a particular developer could not earn more credits or waivers than what they could spend in impact fees, which eliminated the over-issuance of the credits or waivers.

Commissioner Hartung stated regarding Figures 9 and 10 in Attachment A of the staff report, he asked if the items were listed in their order of importance. Ms. Masterpool replied they were not. She stated the sorting was on the RRIF Funding column from most to least.

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Jung, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 14 be approved and adopted.

15-0056 AGENDA ITEM 15 – COMMUNITY SERVICES

Agenda Subject: “Introduction and first reading of an ordinance to adopt regional road impact fees for unincorporated Washoe County, as described in the Regional Road Capital Improvement Plan and Impact Fee Methodology dated September 19, 2014, and as provided for in NRS 278B.160 and Washoe County Code Section 110.706.05; and, providing for matters properly related thereto; and if introduced, set a public hearing for second reading and possible adoption of the ordinance for January 27, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.--Community Services. (All Commission Districts.) To be heard after Agenda Item #14 and before Agenda Item #16.”

Nancy Parent County Clerk, read the title for Bill No. 1730.

Commissioner Hartung asked why the Regional Road Impact Fee (RRIF) went down. Julie Masterpool, Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) Senior Engineer, said the calculation of the RRIF fees was a very long process. Commissioner Hartung asked if national numbers were being used to arrive at those numbers. Ms. Masterpool replied the national trip-generation numbers were being used. She stated one of the factors that made the biggest difference in the old fees was an average trip length was used for trips on the regional roads network. She said that information was obtained from their Travel Demand Forecast Model, which was based on the Consensus Forecast, and on land use assumptions. She advised that average trip length went down about 25 percent and the Population and Employment Consensus Forecast went down about 20 percent, which all tied together and was why the fees were lower this year.

There was no public comment on this item.

Bill No. 1730, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING REGIONAL IMPACT FEES FOR UNINCORPORATED WASHOE COUNTY, AS

DESCRIBED IN THE REGIONAL ROAD CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND IMPACT FEE METHODOLOGY DATED SEPTEMBER 19, 2014, AND AS PROVIDED FOR IN NRS 278B.160 AND WASHOE COUNTY CODE SECTION 110.706.05; AND PROVIDING FOR MATTERS PROPERLY RELATED THERETO," was introduced by Commissioner Hartung, and legal notice for final action of adoption was directed.

15-0057 AGENDA ITEM 16 – COMMUNITY SERVICES

Agenda Subject: "Introduction and first reading of an ordinance to amend Washoe County Code, Chapter 110, Development Code, at Article 706 (Impact Fees) at Section 110.706.05, *Regional Road Impact Fee*, to correct NRS citations, to reference the latest General Administrative Manual (GAM) for applicability, to adopt the latest approved GAM, to adopt the latest version of the Regional Road Improvement Fee System Capital Improvement Plan (RRIF CIP), to define service area boundaries as within the GAM and fees as within the RRIF CIP, and to set the impact fees in accordance with the GAM and the fee schedule within the Regional CIP; and, providing for matters properly related thereto; and if introduced, set a public hearing for second reading and possible adoption of the ordinance for January 27, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.--Community Services. (All Commission Districts.) To be heard after Agenda Items #14 and #15."

Nancy Parent, County Clerk, read the title for Bill No. 1731.

There was no public comment on this item.

Bill No. 1731, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WASHOE COUNTY CODE AT CHAPTER 110, DEVELOPMENT CODE, AT ARTICLE 706 (IMPACT FEES) AT SECTION 110.706.05, REGIONAL ROAD IMPACT FEE, TO CORRECT NRS CITATIONS, TO REFERENCE THE LATEST GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE MANUAL (GAM) FOR APPLICABILITY, TO ADOPT THE LATEST APPROVED GAM, TO ADOPT THE LATEST VERSION OF THE REGIONAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT FEE SYSTEM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (RRIF CIP), TO DEFINE SERVICE AREA BOUNDARIES AS WITHIN THE GAM AND FEES AS WITHIN THE REGIONAL CIP, AND TO SET THE IMPACT FEES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GAM AND THE FEE SCHEDULE WITHIN THE RRIF CIP; AND, PROVIDING FOR MATTERS PROPERLY RELATED THERETO," was introduced by Commissioner Hartung, and legal notice for final action of adoption was directed.

15-0058 AGENDA ITEM 17

Agenda Subject: "Discussion and possible action with regard to amendment, additions to and/or repeal of the 2012 Washoe County Board of Commissioners

Rules and Procedures, and such other action as the Board of Commissioners may desire to take in regard to these administrative matters. (All Commission Districts.)”

John Slaughter, County Manager, said there was a revision to the Board’s Rules and Procedures, which was placed on file with the Clerk.

Commissioner Hartung said in the first paragraph, he was uncomfortable with the presiding officer having the discretion to remove items from the consent agenda, taking items out of order, combining items with other items, or taking requests for items to be voted on in a block. He believed that should be changed to any Commissioner could remove items from the Consent Agenda. Mr. Slaughter said Version 2 struck that from item 1 and moved it down to item 3, which reflected the Board’s practice.

Commissioner Hartung said under item 11, did the full Commission mean all five Commissioners, a majority, or everyone present. Paul Lipparelli, Legal Counsel, suggested striking the word “full,” so it would be at the approval of the Commission however it was constituted at the time. Chair Berkbigler agreed.

Chair Berkbigler said there used to be a succession policy where the Vice Chair moved to the Chair position, which meant only a new Vice Chair had to be voted on. She stated she would like to revisit that issue. Commissioner Hartung said he did not believe that was an adopted policy or practice, and he did not remember seeing it articulated anywhere. Commissioner Jung said most Boards and Commissions would not need to articulate that because they practiced succession. She stated this Board had elected a Chair and a Vice Chair for a long time because the Vice Chair did not want to be Chair. She said last year Commissioner Humke stayed as the Chair due to needing continuity because of the new Commissioners and the new County Manager, but she would like to see succession come back.

Commissioner Jung asked if the Manager and the Department Heads were looking into how to enforce item 11, and she suggested looking into best practices. She felt that would be very difficult to put on staff because it would put staff in an awful, tenuous, and job threatening position. She said there had to be a formal mechanism, such as a sheet that had to be filled out, and the Commissioners had to be trained to look at that sheet and realize staff was not being insubordinate, but was following County policy that the Board set.

Commissioner Jung felt the Chair should serve one year and move on, and she would like to see that specified in the Rules and Procedures.

Ms. Slaughter noted the Board’s Rules and Procedures were reviewed at the beginning and middle of the year, but this could be brought back sooner. He said a wholesale review of the agenda and meeting processes was being done, which would generate additional changes to the Rules and Procedures in the next few months. Commissioner Jung asked if that software was bought, when would that process come online. Mr. Slaughter replied the software was budgeted for this Fiscal Year, and the

software would integrate well with our existing video software used by the public to go online to view the Board's meeting because it was from the same company. He said a working group had been meeting quite frequently and the Clerk and the departments were involved. He said he was not sure of timing for it to go live. He noted the agenda software would allow electronic tabbing of the agenda. He said the Commissioners could still get a hardcopy of the agenda and the backup material; however, staff was moving to paperless agendas and backup material. He stated the Board would be shown all options when that point was reached.

Commissioner Jung said the Sparks City Council was given tablets and had been paperless for the last five years. She stated if a Councilmember wanted a paper copy, they had to print their own. She noted Commissioner Larkin wanted to go paperless in 2007, but she found the software was not user friendly or fast enough.

Chair Berkbigler said she wanted to make sure we were not talking about the day-to-day hands on support staff for the Commission in item 11, but all other staff. Mr. Slaughter stated the staff assigned to the Board was due to previous approval by Board.

Chair Berkbigler said she supported putting the succession on the Board's Rules and Procedures today, but was willing to wait until July if that was what the rest of the Commissioners wanted to do.

Mr. Lipparelli said the record should be clear regarding which version of the Rules and Procedures were being approved. He understood it was the version marked Version 2 in the bottom right-hand corner of the document. He said the changes included taking out the word "full" in item 11 and that that rule did not apply to the Commission's staff. He said the succession provisions would be added for the Vice Chair to become the Chair in the next cycle and the Commission would take action to replace the Vice Chair.

Commissioner Lucey made a motion that Agenda Item 17 be approved as amended. Commissioner Jung seconded the motion.

Commissioner Hartung said he would like to see the final document without the changes in red before adopting it. Chair Berkbigler suggested amending the motion to have staff make the changes and bring the final version of the Rules and Procedures back for approval. Commissioners Lucey and Jung said they were fine with making that change to the motion.

In response to the call for public comment, J. Edward Parker stated he did not want to see his Commissioner locked into a hard and fast rule that could not be changed in case the people who elected them wanted that change.

Chair Berkbigler said the language should include what would happen if the Vice Chair did not want to serve as Chair.

Commissioner Lucey said he would make the adjustment to the motion that the Vice Chair had the first right of refusal to become Chair. He stated if the Vice Chair chose not accept the position of Chair, it would go to an open vote of the Commission to appoint the next Chair. Commissioner Jung seconded the amendment to the motion.

Commissioner Hartung stated he had no problem with the Vice Chair moving to the position of Chair. He said if there was a Commissioner who had been serving as Vice Chair that we felt was not the best qualified person to serve as Chair, adopting that language would not give us any wiggle room at all. He stated he respectfully disagreed with that approach. He said he had been on other Boards and Commissions where that was not always how it worked.

Chair Berkgigler said we were all duly elected Commissioners, and she did not believe it was the responsibility of any one Commissioner to say another Commissioner was not qualified to be the Chair. Commissioner Hartung said it would not be one person, but by a vote of the body. He said when Chair Berkgigler was elected, she wanted to spend time at the Legislature, but the Board's Rules and Procedures prohibited her doing so even though that was not necessarily how the rest of the body felt. He stated we would be locking ourselves into certain decisions with language that would give us no opportunity to revisit it.

On the call for the vote with the changes as proposed to the Board's Rules and Procedures, the vote was 3 to 2 with Commissioners Hartung and Herman voting "no."

15-0059 AGENDA ITEM 18

Agenda Subject: "Discussion and possible action with regard to appointment and reappointment of Commissioners to boards and commissions, alteration of terms of service on boards and commissions where legally permissible. (All Commission Districts.)"

John Slaughter, County Manager, said the appointments and reappointments were decided during last Friday's meeting. He stated today was an opportunity for the Commissioners to make any necessary corrections.

Chair Berkgigler said the appointments seemed to be correct. Commissioner Jung said there had been concern about the Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority (RSCVA) appointments. She stated Commissioner Hartung expressed a steadfast desire to be on the RSCVA, which would have her and Commissioner Hartung serving on the RSCVA. She felt it would be in the best interests of the RSCVA for the Commissioner whose district collected the most room taxes be on the RSCVA. She stated she gave up that position to Commissioner Lucey with the understanding it would be revisited in six months. Chair Berkgigler said she appreciated Commissioner

Jung doing that, and she agreed with Commissioner Jung because Commissioner Lucey's district included the two highest room-tax payers.

The appointments are as follows:

Board/Commission	Commissioners
Community Assistance Center Transitional Governing Board	Commissioner Jung
Criminal Justice Advisory Committee	Chair Berkbigler – Primary and Commissioner Herman – Alternate
Debt Management Commission	Commissioner Lucey
District Board of Health	Commissioner Jung
Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada (EDAWN)	Commissioner Jung – Primary and Commissioner Lucey – Alternate
Internal Audit Committee	Chair Berkbigler
Investment Committee	Chair Berkbigler and Commissioner Hartung
Legislative Liaison	Chair Berkbigler
Library Board of Trustees	Commissioner Jung
Medical Marijuana Working Group	Commissioner Jung
Nevada Association of Counties (NACo) Board of Directors	Commissioner Herman and Chair Berkbigler
Nevada Commission for the Reconstruction of the V&T Railway	Commissioner Hartung – Primary and Commissioner Lucey – Alternate
Nevada Land Transfer Task Force	Commissioner Hartung
Nevada Tahoe Conversation District Board of Supervisors	Chair Berkbigler
Nevada Works	Commissioner Herman – Primary and Commissioner Jung – Alternate
Open Space and Regional Parks Commission	Commissioner Herman
Organizational Effectiveness Committee	Chair Berkbigler
Verdi Water Service Oversight Advisory Board	Commissioner Herman
Regional Jobs Network	Commissioner Jung
Regional Planning Governing Board (RPGB)	Commissioner Lucey, Commissioner Hartung, and Commissioner Herman
Regional Transportation Commission (RTC)	Commissioner Lucey and Commissioner Hartung
Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority (RSCVA)	Commissioner Lucey and Commissioner Hartung
Senior Services Advisory Board Liaison	Commissioner Herman – Primary and Commissioner Hartung – Alternate
Smarter Region Economic Development Vision Subcommittee	Commissioner Lucey – Primary and Chair Berkbigler – Alternate

Board/Commission	Commissioners
State Land Use Planning Advisory Council (SLUPAC)	Commissioner Herman
Tahoe Regional Planning Agency	Chair Berkbigler – Primary and Commissioner Lucey – Alternate
Nevada Tahoe Regional Planning Agency	Chair Berkbigler
Tahoe Transportation District Board of Directors	Chair Berkbigler – Primary and Commissioner Lucey – Alternate
Tahoe Transportation Commission	Chair Berkbigler
Truckee Meadows Water Authority Board	Commissioners Herman and Hartung – Primary and Commissioner Jung – Alternate
Truckee River Flood Management Authority	Commissioner Lucey and Commissioner Hartung
Washoe County Stadium Authority	Chair Berkbigler and Commissioner Jung
Western Nevada Development District (WNDD)	Commissioner Jung
Western Regional Water Commission	Commissioner Hartung, Commissioner Herman – TMWA appointee, and Commissioner Lucey – STMGID Successor

There was no public comment on this item.

On motion by Commissioner Jung, seconded by Commissioner Hartung, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that the appointments and reappointments of the Commissioners to various boards and commissions be approved.

15-0060 AGENDA ITEM 19 – MANAGER

Agenda Subject: “Discussion and possible further direction to staff to establish a process and timeframe to fill a vacant Reno Justice Court Department, Department 3, including soliciting applicants, screening applicants (including the possible appointment of a subcommittee of the Board)--Manager. (All Commission Districts)”

John Slaughter, County Manager, said this item was discussed prior to the two new Commissioners coming on board, but staff was bringing this item back to get further direction from the Board.

Commissioner Hartung noted the vacant seat opened last March and the Department saved a considerable sum since then because the associated staff positions were not filled based on attrition. He said the Court had indicated their caseload was down to about the 1998 level. He stated the Court and the Secretary of State were comfortable with not filling the position as long as it was filled by the next regular election. He suggested tabling this item unless there was a need expressed by the Court to

fill the seat based on the case load. Chair Berkbigler agreed. Commissioner Jung felt it would be incumbent on the Chief Judge to bring this to us or not. She said if the Chief Judge could not get consensus, she respectfully asked that this not be brought to the Board because she did not feel it was the Board's job to decide what their compromise should be. She requested a formal letter be sent to the Secretary of State to clarify what the Board's intentions were and to ask for feedback. She agreed the Chief Judge should come to the Board if the Court needed to fill the vacancy. Commissioner Herman agreed.

Chair Berkbigler said this item would be tabled until asked to do something by the Reno Justice Court.

Paul Lipparelli, Legal Counsel, said he was aware the Secretary of State authored a letter suggesting it was the Board's duty to fill the vacancy. He stated under the statute there was the duty to fill the vacancy, but the statute did not say when it had to be done. He felt that left room for the Board to take time to act. He said he was not aware that the Secretary of State had the authority to compel the County to do anything, and it would probably take someone acting on their own behalf to start a legal challenge. He stated the Secretary of State was the Chief Elections Officer for the State and had some authority over conducting elections, but he was not sure vacancies fell into the Secretary of State's domain. He stated he was not sure if that changed Commissioner Jung's thoughts about what next actions should be or not. Commissioner Jung said she would defer to legal to handle as they saw fit. Commissioner Hartung asked Mr. Slaughter to reach out to the current Chief Judge and get such a letter, even though he was aware some conversations occurred. He applauded this Commission for being a good steward and looking at every opportunity to save the County money. He stated he knew the Court had other needs, and the Board should be sensitive to those needs, such as the need for a certified interpreter. He agreed the Board should get the Chief Judge's opinion and let him reach a concession with the members of his Court.

In response to the call for public comment, Cathy Brandhorst discussed her concern regarding judges.

On motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Herman, which motion duly carried, it was ordered that Agenda Item 19 be deferred to a time when information was received from the Court.

12:50 p.m. The Board recessed.

6:00 p.m. The Board reconvened with Commissioners Jung and Lucey absent.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

15-0061 AGENDA ITEM 20

Agenda Subject: GENERAL OBLIGATION BUILDING BONDS ADDITIONALLY SECURED BY PLEDGED REVENUES PROPOSAL: Shall the Board of County Commissioners of Washoe County in the State of Nevada, be authorized to incur a general obligation indebtedness on behalf of the County by the issuance at one time, or from time to time, of the County's general obligation (limited tax) building bonds, in one series or more, in the aggregate principal amount of not exceeding \$12,000,000 for the purpose of financing, wholly or in part, the acquisition, construction, improvement and equipment of building projects as defined in NRS 244A.019, the bonds to mature commencing not later than five (5) years from the date or respective dates of the bonds and ending not later than thirty (30) years therefrom, to bear interest at a rate or rates not in excess of the statutory maximum rate in effect at the time bonds are sold, to be payable from general (ad valorem) taxes (except to the extent pledged revenues and other moneys are available therefor), and to be issued and sold at par, or below or above par, and otherwise in such manner, upon such terms and conditions, and with such other detail as the Board may determine, including at its option but not necessarily limited to provisions for the redemption of bonds prior to maturity without or with the payment of a premium? (the "Proposal"); and The above Proposal was previously approved by the Debt Management Commission of Washoe County, Nevada. The County has determined that the Bonds to be issued for the purpose of financing the acquisition, construction, improvement and equipment of building projects, including, but not limited to facilities, structures, fixtures, furniture and equipment for a building for the Medical Examiner, and all appurtenances and incidentals necessary, useful or desirable for any such facilities as set forth in NRS 244A.019 (as further described in the above Proposal) will be additionally secured by a pledge of the "Pledged Revenues," which include the pledge of 15% of all income and revenue derived by and distributed to the County pursuant to NRS 360.698. The Board has, in addition, determined, based upon a revenue study, that the Pledged Revenues will at least equal the amount required in each year for the payment of the interest on and the principal of the Bonds."

6:01 p.m. The Chair opened the public hearing by calling on anyone wishing to speak for or against adoption of said Ordinance.

Cathy Brandhorst discussed bonds.

Paul Lipparelli, Legal Counsel, said the Board already adopted the resolution approving the bonds. He stated tonight's agenda item was to hold the public hearing to satisfy Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 350.020 and allow people to challenge the issuance of the bonds. He said after that the Board would be ready to consider a bond ordinance, which would authorize the issuance of the bonds. He said closing the public hearing would complete this item.

Chair Berkbigler closed the public hearing.

15-0062 AGENDA ITEM 21 – CLOSED SESSION

Agenda Subject: “Possible Closed Session for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations with Washoe County, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and/or Sierra Fire Protection District per NRS 288.220.”

There was no closed session.

15-0063 AGENDA ITEM 23 – PUBLIC COMMENT

Agenda Subject: “Public Comment. Comment heard under this item will be limited to three minutes per person and may pertain to matters both on and off the Commission agenda. The Commission will also hear public comment during individual action items, with comment limited to three minutes per person. Comments are to be made to the Commission as a whole.”

Cathy Brandhorst spoke about items of interest to herself.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications and reports were received, duly noted, and ordered placed on file with the Clerk:

15-0064 Contract between State of Nevada Department of Transportation and Sierra Nevada Construction, Inc. Contract No. 812-14, Project No. SP-MS-1201(0188 MY 921, Reno Maintenance Yard, at SR 667 MP WA 26.3, Washoe County.

15-0065 Executed copy of the Amendment to the Agreement for Consulting Engineering and other services for the Central Truckee Meadows Remediation District Program between Kleinfelder West, Inc. and Washoe County dated December 17, 2013. Board of County Commissioners Meeting dated December 17, 2013, Agenda Item #35, Minute Item #13-1073.

COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL REPORTS/FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

15-0066 Palomino Valley General Improvement District Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Financial Statements.

15-0067 Sun Valley General Improvement District Financial Statement and Supplementary Information for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014.

- 15-0068** Washoe County School District Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2014.
- 15-0069** Regional Transportation Commissioner Comprehensive Annual Financial Report
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014.
- 15-0070** Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority Comprehensive Annual Financial Report 2013-14.
- 15-0071** Incline Village General Improvement District Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2014.
- 15-0072** City of Sparks Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for year ended June 30, 2014.
- 15-0073** South Truckee Meadows General Improvement District's 2014 Financial Statements.
- 15-0074** Truckee Meadows Water Authority Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2014.
- 15-0075** Western Regional Water Commission's 2014 Financial Statements.
- 15-0076** Incline Village General Improvement District - Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility Financial Statements for year ended June 30, 2014.

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6:10 p.m. There being no further business to discuss, on motion by Commissioner Hartung, seconded by Commissioner Herman, the meeting was adjourned without objection.

MARSHA BERKBIGLER, Chair
Washoe County Commissioner

ATTEST:

NANCY PARENT, County Clerk and
Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

*Minutes Prepared by:
Jan Frazzetta, Deputy County Clerk*

Pending Board Approval